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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

BLATT et al.

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For: "PROTEIN INVOLVED IN ABSCISIC
ACID SIGNALLING"

) Group Art Unit: 1653

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) Examiner: Carlson, K.C.

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) REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from January 21, 2004, to February 21, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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